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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent continuation application of:

In re Application of:	Nelson
Filed:	Simultaneously Herewith
Serial No.:	
For:	Mass Spectrometric Immunoassay
Atty. Docket No.:	530-006

Enclosed are:

- (1) A true copy of the prior application including:
 - (a) Specification (50 pages)
 - (b) 22 Claims as amended in the enclosed preliminary amendment --3 independent, 19 dependent (please see preliminary amendment enclosed herein)
 - (c) Informal Drawings (14 sheet(s))
 - (d) Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - (e) Declaration of Small Entity Status
 - (f) Abstract
- (2) Preliminary Amendment

A check in the amount of \$399.00 is enclosed (\$345.00 for the filing fee and \$54.00 for additional dependent claims).

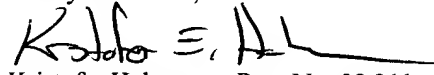
This continuation application is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § & 1.78. This continuation application claims an invention disclosed in the prior filed copending non-provisional application, Serial Number 09/024,988, which was complete as specified under 37 C.F.R. § 151(a)(1).

It is respectfully requested that the names of inventors Peter Williams and Jennifer Reeve Krone, listed in the copending non-provisional application Serial Number 09/024,988, be deleted from the present continuation application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4) because Randall W. Nelson is the sole inventor of the subject matter of the claims as amended herein, by the enclosed preliminary amendment.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10, 1.53 and 1.78, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of 3/11/00, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Date: 3/11/00

Respectfully submitted,


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